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TAGS: PFOR, DR, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S GIFT TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER

1. YESTERDAY I PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER PRESIDENT FORD'S GIFT OF A CERAMIC PIECE DEPICTING TWO AMERICAN BIG HORN SHEEP ON TOP OF A PORTION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. PRESIDENT BALAGUER WAS QUITE TOUCHED NOT ONLY BY PRESIDENT FORD'S THOUGHTFUL GESTURE REGARDING PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S THIRD TERM OF OFFICE BUT ALSO BY THE WORK OF CERAMIC ART WHICH HE EXAMINED CLOSELY. HE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FORD HIS VERY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE GIFT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE IN A PERSONAL LETTER.

2. COMMENT: THE GIFT ARRIVED INTACT THIS TIME ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNSIGNED CARD OF PRESIDENT FORD AND A PIECE OF PAPER GIVING THE TITLE AND SCULPTOR OF THE WORK. THIS SEEMED TO ME RATHER IMPERSONAL AS A GENERAL PRACTICE (IF SUCH IS THE CASE) AND PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO A PRESIDENT WHO FOR EIGHT YEARS HAS BEEN A STAUNCH FRIEND OF THE US. THEREFORE, I HAD TWO SMALL SILVER PLAQUES MADE LOCALLY WHICH WERE ATTACHED TO THE PLASTIC CASE HOUSING THE CERAMIC. ONE CONTAINED THE TITLE OF THE CERAMIC TOGETHER WITH THE NAME OF ITS CREATOR. THE OTHER BORE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE "TO HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JOAQUIN BALAGUER, PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WITH BEST WISHES, GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES". THE SENTIMENT OF THIS LAST IS CONSONANT WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S CONGRATULATORY

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MESSAGE UPON BALAGUER'S RE-ELECTION. ALTHOUGH I CANNOT JUDGE

FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED,
IT DOES OCCUR TO ME THAT THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL OF THE RICHEST
AND MOST POWERFUL NATION MIGHT CONSIDER STEPS TO PLACE US AMONG
THE MORE ELEGANT AND GRACIOUS AS WELL.
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